Nepali Janadhikar Suraksha Samiti (Bharat), Nepali Jansampark Samiti, Bharat Nepal Janekta Manch etc. have appealed to the Government for release of Nepali citizens from Indian jails. The cases of such prisoners are to be dealt with as per the laws of the land.

Additional Batallions of Para-military forces

†2792. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise additional battalions of para-military forces, keeping in view the growing terrorist attacks and activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to put a check on the terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Based on operational requirements to deal with internal security situations and terrorist activities, the Central Government reviews the requirements of forces from time to time.

(b) In order to combat the menace of terrorism, the Government has been pursuing a multi dimenstional policy that includes strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations in neutralizing terrorist activities. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation in this regard given the global dimensions of terrorism.

Demand for additional powers by Delhi Government

2793. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of NCT of Delhi has demanded additional powers, especially in the matter of law and order, police and urban development;

(b) if so, the precise demand made by that Government and the ground adduced in support thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.